State of South Caroling Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 60,000 individuals in the Palmetto State and as many as 4.5 million Americans currently have Alzheimer's disease: and

WHEREAS, the number of South Carolinians with Alzheimer's disease is expected to increase by 49% over the next 25 years, which is higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, over 75% of individuals affected by Alzheimer's are cared for in the home by an elderly spouse or adult child and are at increased risk of physical illness, depression, and mortality; and

WHEREAS, many South Carolinians have fallen victim to this disease, including our own Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., who was taken from the Palmetto State and his family much too early in his extraordinary life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2006, as

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and the services available to

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